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The **standard provisions** are contained in Chapters 1 to 32. Standard provisions are mandatory.

The **standard commentary** is contained in Chapters C1 to C32. Standard commentary is intended to help you understand how the provisions were determined and how to apply them.

**Gray bars** down the side in the provisions (but not the commentary) indicate sections with substantive changes from the previous editions of this standard, ASCE 7-16.

**This standard uses both customary and metric (SI) units.** Customary units appear first, followed by SI units in parentheses. When numbered display equations have customary and SI versions, the one in customary units is numbered like this: (Equation 8.2-1). The one in SI units is numbered like this: (Equation 8.2-1.SI).

**Referenced consensus standards** are listed at the end of each chapter of provisions, where they are listed by number with title, publisher, year of publication (and the sections that cite them). In text, they are mentioned only by number: *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, ASME A17.1.

**Reference citations** are listed at the end of each chapter of commentary, where they are listed by author and date with accompanying bibliographic information. In the text, these references are called out by author and date: Baber and Rigsbee (2010); Bodhaine (1968); and Carter (1957).

## 8.1 DEFINITIONS AND SYMBOLS

### 8.1.1 Definitions

**BAY:** A portion of the roof bounded by adjacent column lines or structural walls.

**CONTROLLED FLOW ROOF DRAIN:** A roof drain designed to intentionally regulate the rate of drainage.

**PONDING:** The accumulation of water caused by the deflection of the roof structure, resulting in added load.

**PONDING INSTABILITY:** Member instability caused by progressive deflection because of ponding on roofs.

**PRIMARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM:** Roof drainage system through which water is normally conveyed off the roof.

**SECONDARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR STRUCTURAL LOADING (SDSL):** Roof drainage system through which water is drained from the roof when the drainage systems listed in 8.2 (a) through (d) are blocked or not working.

**PRIMARY MEMBER:** For the purposes of Section 8.3, members not having direct attachment to the columns.

## CHAPTER 8 RAIN LOADS

Equation (8.2-1). The hydraulic head shall be based on the hydraulic test data or hydraulic calculations, assuming a free surface flow corresponding to a rainfall intensity equal to or greater than the 15 min duration storm with return period (frequency) given in Table 8.2-1. The ponding head shall be based on structural analysis as the depth of water caused by deflections of the roof subjected to unfactored rain load and unfactored dead load.

$$R = 5.2(d_s + d_h + d_p) \quad (8.2-1)$$

$$R = 0.0098(d_s + d_h + d_p) \quad (8.2-1.SI)$$

## 8.3 BAYS WITH LOW SLOPE

Free-draining bays and internal bays not accumulated rain load required by Section 8.2.1 shall have adequate strength and stiffness to preclude progressive deflection (i.e., instability) and resist potential ponding.

## CHAPTER C8 RAIN LOADS

## C8.1 DEFINITIONS AND SYMBOLS

### C8.1.1 Definitions

**PRIMARY MEMBERS:** Structural members having direct attachment to the columns, including girders, beams, and trusses.

**SCUPPER:** An opening in the side of a building (typically through a parapet wall) for the purpose of draining water off the roof.

**SYMBOLS:**  $A_p$  = roof area, plus one-half the wall area that diverts water to the roof, serviced by a single drain outlet in the drainage system,  $\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{m}^2$ );  $C_d$  = drainage coefficient related to primary members;  $C_s$  = coefficient related to secondary members;  $D$  = diameter for a primary roof drain, or overflow diameter for a secondary roof drain.

water over a parapet could serve as the SDSL since it cannot become a pond. This situation likely leads to large rain loads and an inefficient drainage system, such as this should be avoided, where possible, through team coordination.

Rain loads are based on the condition of a blocked primary and other drainage systems (per Section 8.2) and a 15 min duration storm with return period based on the risk category of the structure. Therefore, the SDSL is of greater importance than the primary drainage system for the determination of rain loads.

If the primary drainage system is a free-draining edge drain, the edge can also serve as the SDSL since it cannot become a pond like internal drains or scuppers can. Otherwise, the SDSL is distinct from the primary drainage system. Only when there is a blockage on the roof and the need for prompt drainage so that activation of the SDSL can serve as a backup to the primary drains. Similarly, the elevation of the SDSL shall be at least 2 in. (50 mm.) above that of the primary drainage system so that the SDSL is not frequently activated.

## 4.17 CONSENSUS STANDARDS AND OTHER REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

This section lists the consensus standards and other documents that shall be considered part of this standard to the extent referenced in this chapter.

*AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, 7th ed., American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 2014, with 2015 interim revisions.

Cited in: Sections 4.5.3, 4.10.2, and 4.10.4

ASME A17.1, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2016.

Cited in: Section 4.6.2

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The screenshot shows the ASCE 7 Hazard Tool interface. On the left, a sidebar contains input fields for Location (San Francisco, California), Elevation (60 ft), Lat (37.77712), Long (-122.41964), Standard (ASCE/SEI 7-22), Risk Category (I), and Soil Class (Default). Below these are buttons for 'FULL REPORT' and 'SUMMARY'. A callout circle labeled 'User input location' points to the Location field. Another callout circle labeled 'User input Risk Category and Soil Class' points to the Risk Category and Soil Class fields. A third callout circle labeled 'Hazard specific Details, Summary, and Full Report provided' points to the 'FULL REPORT' and 'SUMMARY' buttons. The main content area displays 'Seismic Details' for Risk Category I, showing seismic coefficients (S<sub>S</sub>, S<sub>I</sub>, S<sub>MS</sub>, S<sub>MI</sub>, S<sub>DS</sub>, S<sub>D1</sub>, T<sub>L</sub>, PGA<sub>M</sub>, and V<sub>S30</sub>) and two spectra: 'Multi-Period Design Spectrum' and 'Multi-Period MCE<sub>R</sub> Spectrum'. A callout circle labeled 'Hazard specific Details, Summary, and Full Report provided' points to the 'DETAILS' button. The right side of the interface shows a map of San Francisco.

### Digital Data

The ASCE 7 Hazard Tool provides digital data required by ASCE 7-22:

- Ch. 5 Flood: Flood zone and static base flood elevation, plus direct links to additional information
- Ch. 6 Tsunami: Whether the site is in a mapped tsunami design zone per the ASCE Tsunami Design Geodatabase, and link to ASCE Tsunami Design Geodatabase if required for design
- Ch. 7 Snow: Ground snow load and winter wind parameter
- Ch. 8 Rain: Median 15-minute and 60-minute duration rainfall intensities for 100-year mean recurrence interval
- Ch. 10 Ice: Radial ice thickness with concurrent 3-second gust speeds and temperature concurrent with ice thickness due to freezing rain
- Ch. 22 Seismic: Seismic coefficients  $S_S$ ,  $S_I$ ,  $S_{MS}$ ,  $S_{MI}$ ,  $S_{DS}$ ,  $S_{D1}$ ,  $T_L$ ,  $PGA_M$ , and  $V_{S30}$ , plus the seismic design category, as well as the multi-period spectrum, the multi-period MCE<sub>R</sub> spectrum, the two-period design spectrum, and the two-period MCE<sub>R</sub> spectrum
- Ch. 26 Wind: Three-second gust wind speeds at 33 feet (10 meters) above ground for Exposure Category C, including identification of hurricane-prone and wind-borne debris regions
- Ch. 32 Tornado: Tornado wind speeds for 1,700-, 3,000-, 10,000-, 100,000-, 1,000,000-, and 10,000,000-year MRI, and for 1-, 2,000-, 10,000-, 40,000-, 100,000-, 250,000-, 1,000,000-, and 4,000,000-ft<sub>2</sub> target areas

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## PREFACE

Prepared by the Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures Standards Committee of the Codes and Standards Activity Division of the Structural Engineering Institute of ASCE

*ASCE/SEI 7-22 Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures* provides the most up-to-date and coordinated loading provisions for general structural design. ASCE 7-22 prescribes design loads for all hazards including dead, live, soil, flood, tsunami, snow, rain, atmospheric ice, seismic, wind, and fire, as well as how to evaluate load combinations. The 2022 edition of ASCE 7, which supersedes ASCE 7-16, coordinates with the most current structural material standards including those from ACI, AISC, AISI, AWC, and TMS.

Significant technical changes include the following:

- General Requirements
  - New target reliability tables for tsunami and extraordinary loads
  - Removal of importance factors for snow and ice due to risk category specific maps being provided
  - Expanded provisions for in situ load testing
- Load Combinations
  - Revised load combinations to reflect changes in snow loads and new tornado loads
  - New alternative method for loads from water in soil
  - Load combinations for flood loads and atmospheric ice are now explicitly written out and numbered for improved reference and clarity
- Dead and Live Loads
  - Reformatted lateral soil loads table for improved clarity
  - New alternative method for loads from water in soil
  - Terminology change from guardrail system to guard system
  - Additions and clarifications to the live load table
  - Updated crane load vertical impact force provisions including the use of bridge crane service classes
  - New provisions for emergency vehicle loads
- Tsunami Loads and Effects
  - Clarification for inundation calculations for overwashed areas
  - Updated data for Hawaii and many populous locations in California, coordinated with the state agencies
  - New provisions for above-ground horizontal pipelines
  - Clarifications and new provisions for debris impact analysis
  - New provisions for loss of foundation strength and scour
- Snow Loads
  - Ground snow loads have been revised to reflect more recent snow load data and reliability-targeted values
  - Method for estimating drifts revised to include a wind parameter
  - A more accurate estimation of the horizontal extent of windward drifts
  - Revised thermal factors to account current trends in roof insulation and venting
- Rain Loads
  - Design rain load revised to explicitly consider a ponding head
  - New commentary for low slope roofs and drainage to existing roofs

- Atmospheric Ice Loads
  - New risk-targeted atmospheric ice load data for the continental United States and Alaska
- Seismic Design
  - Multi-period response spectrum data eliminates need for  $F_a$  and  $F_v$  coefficients
  - Increase in number of site class definitions
  - Updated provisions for two-stage analysis procedures
  - Updated provisions for calculating torsion impacts, including irregularities (new Torsional Irregularity Ratio (TIR) term) and accidental torsion
  - Updated directional loading provisions
  - Updated analysis procedure selection provisions
  - Updated displacement and drift provisions
  - Updated force equations for nonstructural components
  - New provisions for penthouses and equipment and distribution system support structures
  - New Lateral Force Resisting Systems:
    - Steel and Concrete Coupled Composite Plate Shear Walls
    - Reinforced Concrete Ductile Coupled Shear Walls
    - Cross-laminated Timber Shear Walls
    - Concrete Tabletop Structures
  - New provisions for Rigid Wall, Flexible Diaphragm buildings (big box stores/warehouses)
  - New and updated provisions for supported and interconnected (coupled) nonbuilding structures
- Wind Design
  - Updates to the wind speed maps along hurricane coastline
  - Removal of tabular methods for both the directional and the envelope procedures, and C&C
  - New provisions for MWFRS and C&C of elevated buildings
  - Updated and expanded provisions for roof and ground-mounted solar
  - Updated provisions grouped circular bins and tanks
  - Revisions to the  $(GC_p)$  graphs for external pressure coefficients on C&C
  - Updates for wind tunnel testing and adoption of new edition of ASCE 49-22
  - New chapter for tornado provisions
  - New long return period hazard maps for wind and tornado
- Digital Data Available for all Hazards
  - Required to use digital data for tsunami, snow, seismic
  - Provided for flood, rain, ice, wind, tornado

In addition to the technical changes, the 2022 edition of the ASCE 7 provisions are accompanied by a detailed commentary with explanatory and supplementary information developed to assist users of the standard, including design practitioners, building code committees, and regulatory authorities.

ASCE 7 is an integral part of building codes in the United States and around the globe and is adopted by reference into the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Residential Code, and NFPA 5000 Building Construction and Safety Code. Structural engineers, architects, and those engaged in preparing and administering local building codes will find the structural load requirements essential to their practice.

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